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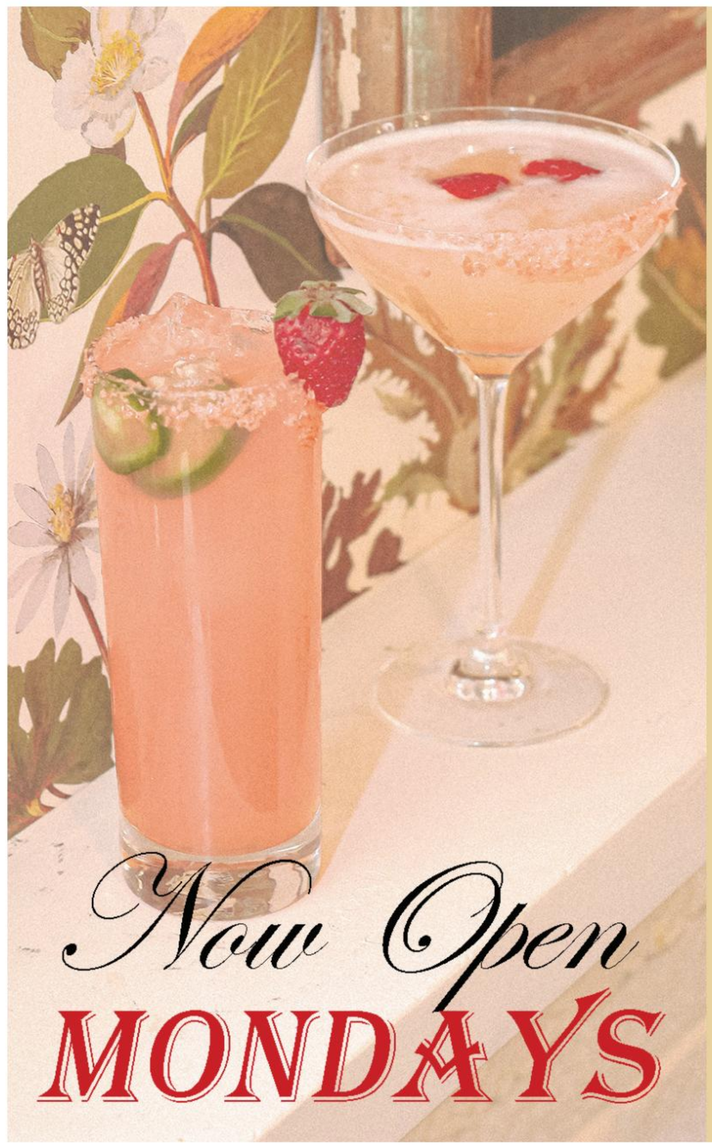

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Members of Jon Putzke's family say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag that's being flown in his honor

Library director Julie Grynwich raises the flag in Jon Putzke's honor

New Buffalo library raises flag in honor of Jon Putzke

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

To say that Jon Alan Putzke was an avid reader "is an understatement," Joan Putzke said.

"It could be an autobiography or Shakespeare or the thousands of plays and scripts that he read over the years," she said in front of a crowd of family and friends at the flagpole at New Buffalo Township Library Friday, June 27.

Above, an American flag was being flown to honor Jon, who passed away in February. It'll be flown for two months before being given to the family.

Library director Julie Grynwich said that the library held its first flag dedication last November, when they honored Ed Homolka, who also had a love for the written word.

The program can honor anyone who one feels should be recognized. The cost is $100, which pays for the flag as well as the frame for a certificate, with the rest going to the library.

Grynwich said the Putzkes and Zientarskis are "two great families."

"We're just so excited to be able to do this today," she said.

Joan said she and Jon's wife of 55 years, Margaret Zientarkis Putzke, married two months apart, with Joan marrying Jon's brother, Ed.

Joan was the oldest of nine and Margaret was the oldest of 10. Jon and Ed, she said, just had each other.

"Within two months, their mom and dad acquired 17 other children," Joan said.

Jon was born March 7, 1948, in Michigan City, Indiana, and grew up in New Buffalo.

After overcoming polio as a child, Jon found strength through dance. This ignited a passion for the stage in him. He spent nearly 70 years directing theatre, with Margaret working as the costume manager. Both traveled across the Midwest, including The Dunes Summer Playhouse in Michiana and Drury Lane in Chicago. They also brought stories to life around the world, including on cruise ships. Both sets of families pitched in to build the Tin Tree, a professional theatre that was in what's now the Hellenic Center in New Buffalo from 1975-1980.

Margaret's great-uncle helped found the Lions Clubs, with Jon carrying on the legacy of eye donation throughout his life.

"Jon's nieces, nephew and I are proud to honor him for the way he enriched any community that he lived in as well as touched hearts wherever he went," Joan said.

Envy is the most silent form of sabotage. — *Dino N. Fatouros*

Local Government Meetings

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Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1PM

Young male drowns after jumping off bridge in New Buffalo

A young man drowned after witnesses said they saw him jump off the North Whittaker St. bridge in New Buffalo Saturday, June 28.

According to a New Buffalo City Police Department press release that was made by Sgt. Dave Capron, at approximately 8:30 p.m. Saturday, the New Buffalo City Police, along with several agencies, responded to a call for a water rescue on the N. Whittaker Street bridge over the Galien River.

"It was reported that a male subject had jumped off the bridge and was now in the water and could no longer be seen," the release stated, adding that witnesses had reported seeing the male subject jump off the bridge into the water, then go underwater.

The victim was identified as Tucker Vaughn, 20, from Niles, Michigan.

After extensively searching the area, including the Galien River, responders ultimately found Vaughn deceased in the river.

After the Berrien County Dive team made the recovery, Vaughn's body was turned over to the Medical Examiner's office for further investigation.

"The New Buffalo City Police Department would like to thank all the assisting agencies and the bystanders that assisted in this tragic situation. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, friends and loved ones of Tucker Vaughn," the release said.

Responding agencies were New Buffalo City Police, New Buffalo Township Fire, New Buffalo City Fire, New Buffalo City Lifeguards, Berrien County Sheriff's Department, Berrien County Sheriff's Department Marine Division, Berrien County Sheriff's Department Dive Team, Chikaming Township Fire Department, Michigan State Police, United States Coast Guard, Three Oaks Police Department, Grand Beach/Michiana Police Department and Medic 1 Ambulance. — STAFF REPORTS

That's been one of my mantras - focus and simplicity. Simple can be harder than complex: You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple. But it's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains. *— Steve Jobs*

John Gouwens to perform at Roosevelt Organ Series

Organist John Gouwens will perform on the 1922 Austin, opus 1052 pipe organ during the next concert of the historic 25th season of the Michigan City Roosevelt Organ Series at 12:15 p.m. CST Wednesday July 9, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Street, in Michigan City's Downtown Arts District.

Gouwens served as organist and carillonneur at Culver Academies from 1980 to 2019. He is now organist and choirmaster at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, and carillonneur at The Presbyterian Church, both of La Porte. Gouwens is very active in every aspect of the carillon field, including composing and arranging music, authoring a method book for teaching, performing throughout North America and Europe, and consulting on carillon installations. He studied organ at Indiana University (with Clyde Holloway), The University of Michigan (with Robert Glasgow and Robert Clark), and at The University of Kansas. At the latter, his main emphasis, ultimately, was carillon, which he studied with Albert Gerken. Gouwens proceeded directly from Kansas to his position at Culver. He has made eight recital tours in Europe, most recently in the summer of 2023, playing recitals in The Netherlands, Belgium and Poland.

The "Friends of the Roosevelt Organ" is honored to continue this beloved series begun 25 years ago by George and Ann Dobie, trustees of the former Congregational Church of Michigan City. Without the support of volunteers Bonnie and Dan Schaaf and Fr. Greg Holicky and the members of Trinity Episcopal Church, this series would not be possible.

A reception sponsored by Trinity Church in the magnificent and historic Bishop's Mansion will follow the Gouwen's performance. Tours of the mansion and church will also be available after the concert.

For questions or further information, contact Bill Halliar at William.halliar@gmail.com or at 219-629-5853. — STAFF REPORTS

LEGION TO HOST CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The New Buffalo American Legion Post 169 will be hosting its second annual Christmas in July fundraiser Saturday, July 19.

A hog roast dinner and silent auction will take place from noon to 6 p.m. Guests are invited to bring a chair for Hired Hands, which will be playing from 2-5 p.m. There will also be friendly horseshoe and cornhole games.

The cost is $15 per person. Children 10 years or younger are $7.

In conjunction with the Blue Star Mothers, items for active-duty military personnel for Christmas care packages will be collected. Items include playing cards, footballs, frisbees, sunscreen, bug spray, beef jerky, razors, shaving crem and any other personal hygiene items.

For every item donated on July 19, guests will get a free ticket for the silent auction.

All proceeds will benefit the Veterans Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan, to bring them a touch of home for Christmas.

For more information, contact Shari at 312-217-7472. — STAFF REPORTS

Emergency services authority proposed at special meeting

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Members from the area's respective municipal boards, as well as the public, heard about a proposed emergency services authority at a special meeting Tuesday, June 24, at the New Buffalo Performing Arts Center.

The proposed authority will include fire departments from four municipalities: City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township, Chikaming Township and Three Oaks Township (which shares a fire department with the Village of Three Oaks).

Chikaming Township Fire Chief Allen Weich said that fire departments aren't receiving many applications, leading to staffing issues.

"What it boils down to is firefighting is a team sport we're kind of getting to the point where we individually don't have enough people on our team," he said.

Having less firefighters has made handling the "rising number of emergency calls" more difficult. Service level expectations have also expanded, as firefighters have now become "all hazards emergency responders." Increasing mandated training requirements are also a concern: If services are expanded, more training is required along with the increasing number of calls.

The genesis for the authority began when a group of fire chiefs met with firefighters in 2023. The idea was then presented to the municipal boards in the chiefs' respective communities, with board members voting in support of exploring it.

Research was conducted by a work group from municipalities and fire chiefs, which included reaching out to other agencies in the state and Indiana on how they solved this problem.

The first half of this year was spent creating a draft version of articles of incorporation and bylaws.

A focus group of firefighters representing all four agencies came up with name suggestions, which is proposed as being Red Arrow Regional Emergency Services Authority.

"This name recognizes the joint effort of all our communities working together on this and acknowledges the reality that we're responding to more than just fire calls," Weich said.

Benefits to the regional fire authority are faster turnout and arrival, as part of the plan involves 24/7 staffing throughout the authority and a faster turnout will eliminate delays; improved coverage overlap, as the authority will allow the elimination of jurisdictional boundaries between municipalities and first responders can respond to emergencies from the closest available unit in the area and a centralized administration, as there will be a centralized board governing the authority that will consist of representatives from each of the four municipalities and an at large member.

The proposed authority will include fire departments from four municipalities: City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township, Chikaming Township and Three Oaks Township (which shares a fire department with the Village of Three Oaks).

There would be stronger collaboration between the municipalities and the stations, as deployment models would be planned out and built into the staffing model and joint training that will occur regularly.

Everyone in the authority would have access to the same services and work toward training at the same levels, Weich said.

With regards to retention, having 24/7 services would mean that people interested in a job in fire and rescue wouldn't have to leave their communities and would have a job where they live.

Regarding cost, the first fiscal year would depend on all four municipalities being able to partner on the authority and would utilize "our existing funding model," as that first year would involve building the organization.

Collaborating would open more grant opportunities.

A voter-approved milage may be an option, as the authority would exist as a separate government entity. If approved, it would replace the current funding models.

Mutual aid would also be built in.

"We're not going to have to hope that our neighboring department has people in town and not on spring break – we know who's going to be present to help us with that initial call for service," Weich said.

Training equipment would be consolidated and work on standard operating guidelines (SOGs) and standard operating procedures (SOPs) would be the same across the region, enabling everyone to "work better together."

Members from each board stepped up to the podium and asked questions.

In response to a question regarding three of the municipalities contracting with Medic One, Weich said that the authority would be a supplement to transport EMT services.

The formation of the authority would need to be approved by resolution by each individual board. If petitions are gathered in sufficient numbers from the public, it could then also be put to a referendum vote.

Weich said they're looking to hire 12 full-time firefighters, two administrators that would be part of the management team and then to supplement those full-time personnel with part-time shifts as well as allowing paid-on-calls to also work part-time shifts.

With regards to specific logistics, Chikaming Township Supervisor David Bunte said it's important to follow the steps.

"At least at this stage knowing that we're still on the direction of four municipalities that are here to move forward to the next step, get the additional input question and answers, go back and take a look at everything and start to formulate and really nail down the specifics when it comes to the financial obligations of each of the municipalities going forward and things like equipment and specific staffing members, labor costs and an overall budget" for the authority he said.

Input will be gathered from two open houses: from 5-7 p.m. July 22 at the Three Oaks Fire Department at 10 E. Linden Street and from 5-7 p.m. July 28 at the New Buffalo City Fire Station at 35 N. Harrison Street.

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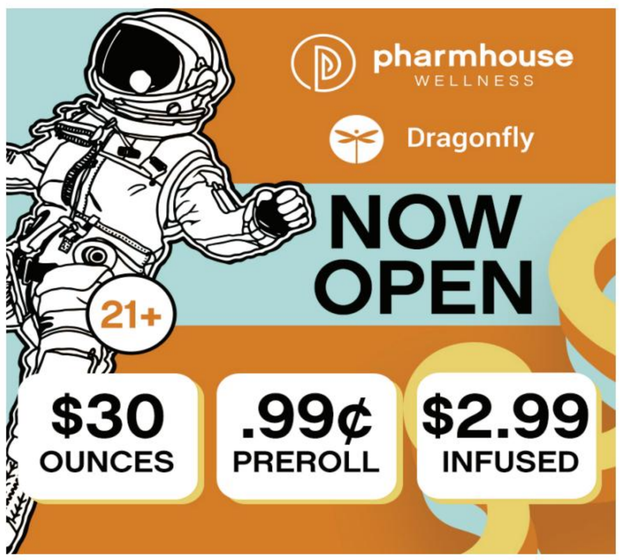

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A night of screen printing at Handmade Studio

HANDS-ON AND ALL HEART

On a warm Friday evening in Three Oaks, I found myself at Handmade Studio, tucked inside Commune Market — a space where creativity buzzes and community flows as easily as the espresso next door at Alan Ray's. I was there for Screen Printing 101, and while I came in curious, I left feeling inspired, paint-flecked, and already dreaming about what I'd print next.

The class was led by Benjamin Sass, artist and co-owner of the studio, who guided our group through the process with a calm, knowledgeable vibe and a genuine love for the craft. Supplies were generously provided — screens, paint, stencils, squeegees — and the space hummed with music and creative energy.

The feel of dragging the squeegee across the screen was unexpectedly satisfying, like a little dance between effort and flow. But the real magic happened in the reveal: when the screen lifted and the image emerged, it felt like opening a present — surprising, delightful, and a little addictive.

"That was great!" one student blurted out, a reaction we all seemed to share.

What made it even better was the welcoming atmosphere. Benjamin and Carin Weston (also an artist and co-owner) offer not only guidance but encouragement. Handmade Studio stocks high-quality art supplies, beautiful handmade goods, and a calendar full of creative classes — whether you're a seasoned artist or just looking to try something new.

For me, the class hit that sweet spot between playful and meditative. There was room to explore, to laugh at happy accidents, and to be present in the process. I left with a couple of prints, a basic understanding of the technique, and an open invitation to come back and keep learning.

Whether you're looking to reconnect with your creativity, shake up your routine, or just make something with your own two hands, this little studio in Three Oaks is worth a visit.

You can find Handmade Studio inside Commune Market at 19 N Elm Street in Three Oaks, Michigan. To learn more about upcoming classes, shop art supplies, or connect with the artists behind the space, visit www.handmade-studio.com, or follow them on Instagram @handmade.studio. Michigan — KRISTIN FATOUROS

From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

The NBA draft took place this week and the Chicago Bulls, once again, baffled me.

The Bulls, for the first time in a very long time, seemed to finally be turning the corner at the end of last season.

Josh Giddey and Coby White were a formidable guard duo and rookie forward Matas Buzelis appeared to be a future all star at one of the forward positions. They had a group of old and young backups that were more than adequate, and they were playing a brand of fast break basketball that appeared to be fun for the players and the fans.

If the front office could do a decent job of acquiring a strong tough center and power forward, that ran the court and played tough defense, the Bulls might be able to end their ten year playoff drought and participate in the post season. Fans anxiously awaited the draft, trades, and free agency, to see what they were going to do.

Last year, the Bulls traded one of their most valuable assets, Alex Caruso, to Oklahoma City, for Josh Giddey. You saw the results for Oklahoma City. Caruso was one of the major contributors to their championship season.

After a slow start, Giddey was great and the trade looked like a win for both sides. Oklahoma City did have a lot of extra draft picks at their disposal and critics said the Bulls should have been able to pry one of them away.

Most recently they traded Lonzo Ball to Cleveland for Isaac Okoro.

Nobody knows how this trade will work out, but critics again are saying that the Bulls should have been able to get Cleveland to part with a draft choice or two. The Bulls are rebuilding and they need future assets.

The draft itself was interesting.

The first round saw the Bulls draft 18-year-old Noa Essengue from France. He's tall and quick and runs the floor well. Noa will have to add some muscle, but he seems like a fine choice.

The second round choice made me shake my head. Even though the Bulls lead the league in attendance, they moved back 10 selections for some cash considerations.

How much money is enough? To my way of thinking, that was unforgivable.

The day that Jerry Reinsdorf sells the White Sox and Bulls will be a joyous day for both teams and their fans. Milwaukee ended up with the Bulls original pick and drafted a 7'3" center, while the Bulls ended up drafting a 6'9" center/forward.

Both are young, so we will have to wait and see how this works out.

Three moves I really want to see happen are trading center Nikola Vucevic and Patrick Williams, and to hold onto Coby White. If they can somehow get tough defenders, the playoffs may be closer than we think.

Winston Churchill said, "If you're going through hell, keep going."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

Worry a little bit every day and in a lifetime you will lose a couple of years. If something is wrong, fix it if you can. But train yourself not to worry: Worry never fixes anything. *— Ernest Hemingway*

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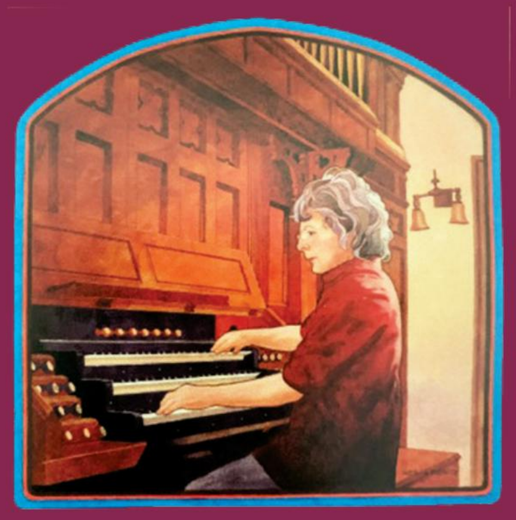

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Chikaming Township Supervisor David Bunte speaks to the crowd

New Buffalo Township Supervisor Michelle Heit commends everyone's efforts

Gary Wood encourages the crowd to move forward with the trail

Berrien County Road Department Project Engineer Kevin Stack outlines the trail's future

Ribbon cut on 'Red Arrow Trail'

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Cyclists, walkers and even someone on rollerblades were raring to go during the ribbon-cutting at Lakeside Park along Red Arrow Highway for the Red Arrow Trail Friday, June 27.

Construction began on the eight-mile nonmotorized pathway in 2020, with four sections completed over five years.

The trail offers a route from New Buffalo to Sawyer, Michigan.

"For our local businesses, the shops, galleries, restaurants, markets and inns, the Red Arrow Trail opens a fresh wave of opportunity – enthusiasts of walking, biking and outdoor exploration will now travel far and wide to explore what we have here," Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kimberlee Wendt said.

She added that the trail is a "boost for our local economy, creating new energy, new foot traffic and new patrons for the hardworking entrepreneurs and business owners who make this area so special."

Chikaming Township Supervisor David Bunte said the trail is "more than a six-foot pathway – it's a conduit, connecting our communities, our neighborhoods and our businesses."

"When you can safely bring a community together through recreational opportunities, reduce the use of vehicles just to complete a simple task, you transform how you can connect with one another and how we can better relate to one another," he said.

Bunte said that he looks forward to supporting their neighbors to the north when the trail arrives there. The Friends of Berrien County Trails is working to connect it south to New Buffalo, which will link to the Marquette Greenway, and north to Stevensville and beyond.

Currently, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is designing the trail through Warren Dunes State Park to Floral Lane, and the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission is collaborating with the Berrien County Road Department to secure an MDOT TAP grant for a connection between Bridgman and Stevensville in 2026.

New Buffalo Township Supervisor Michelle Heit said the trail's origins can be traced back to 2018, when Chikaming Township, the Berrien County Road Department, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners and New Buffalo Township teamed up for the Red Arrow Highway Union Pier Corridor Improvements Project.

That project grew into something more: A linear trail that would connect all county parks.

Looking across the state, Heit said their corner has "lagged behind" in trail development.

"Today, we take a proud step forward and what we celebrate is more than path: It's a beginning of what we hope to become a countywide trail system that encourages outdoor recreation, healthier lifestyles and stronger communities."

Kevin Stack, project engineer from the Berrien County Road Department, said "whether you walk a dog, ride a bike or take a stroller down a path or if you're just going out for a sunset cruise, rollerblade, this path is for you."

"It was designed to connect the parks, the neighborhoods and the businesses, while sustaining and supporting a healthy lifestyle and also supporting local tourism and the local economy along this historic corridor," he said.

By traversing the trail to visit the businesses and beaches, Stack said, pedestrians and bicyclists will be safe.

The next step is to connect the Berrien County trail system to the northern Kal-Haven Trail at Van Buren State Park in South Haven.

Stack said Berrien County will be the "central focal point" of the trail.

"As we connect up to South Haven and the Van Buren State Park, we're going to connect into the southwest region of Michigan, so we're now going to connect South Haven to Kalamazoo to South Bend to Chicago – all through Berrien County," he said.

JB Hoyt, former Berrien County Parks Board member, recalled the cold February day when a trail summit that was attended by 100 people, including bike groups, bikers, hikers and hiking groups, at Andrews University set in motion a plan for a trail network.

Former U.S. Rep. Fred Upton suggested Hoyt form a Friends group. Seven years ago, he invited 20-25 people from the Andrews meeting to another one in Benton Harbor, where the Friends of Berrien County Trails was formed.

"It's been phenomenal to see what's happened in a very short period of time...There's a lot more to do but the momentum is here, folks - carry it forward," Hoyt said.

Gary Wood from the Friends of Berrien County Trails and the new chair of the Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance concurred with Hoyt in that the trail, as well as the reconstruction of the highway alongside it, wasn't "built overnight."

"It was built over years by people who believed that safe, active transportation and outdoor recreation should be available to everyone," he said.

The trail, he said, is "more than pavement: It's progress, it's connection and it's a legacy we leave for generations to come."

"Today, we celebrate what's been completed. Tomorrow, we look forward to what's next."

The following groups and individuals were given certificates for their contributions and support of the trail: Berrien County Road Department, Michigan Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program, The Pokagon Fund, Chikaming and New Buffalo townships, the Dalmac Fund, Friends of Berrien County Trails, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, Berrien County Board of Commissioners, Berrien County Parks Department, JB Hoyt, Kevin Stack, David Bunte and Michelle Heit.

Individuals are recognized for their contributions to the trail

JB Hoyt gives the trail's history

Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kimberlee Wendt speaks at the ceremony

Cyclists ride the trail the next day during Red Arrow Trail Day

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To Your Health

COLUMN BY KAREN EDWARDS ND

AVOCADOS – THE HEALTHY FAT

Avocados are one of my favorite foods. They should be ranked as one of the top healthiest foods.. Avocados are actually a fruit. They are great in both savory and sweet dishes.

People still seem unsure how to eat avocados. In salads, sandwiches or guacamole dip. I have also come to appreciate using them in desserts! Their mild flavor, texture and creamy consistency make avocados a fantastic ingredient in some of my favorite treats like chocolate mousse, or frosting to my raw brownies.

For only a couple hundred calories, avocados providenutritious heart-healthy fats, about half your day's fiber, folate, vitamin A, potassium and much more. Packed full of essential nutrients, avocado benefits include improved heart health, hormone balance, better digestive health and so much more.

They truly are one of the top superfoods to add to your diet. In fact, I know of few other foods that are so jam-packed with essential nutrients — especially when you consider how great avocados taste! Because of the healthy fat, fiber and phytochemical content, this super nutrient-dense food will help you lose weight.

Avocado benefits include monounsaturated fats — Shown to reverse insulin resistance and regulate blood sugar levels, avocados and avocado oil are some of the richest sources of monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFAs) in the world! Unlike saturated, or "bad," fats, they are actually good for you and help the heart and brain. MUFAs are the main dietary form of fat in the Mediterranean diet, which for decades have been linked to protection against heart disease, cancer, cognitive decline and many other disorders.

Carotenoids — Avocados contain oleic acid, a monounsaturated fat that can improve memory and brain activity. Carotenoid benefits include lowering inflammationpromoting healthy growth and development, and boosting immunity.

Fat-soluble vitamins A, E and K — Our bodies not only require these vitamins to function properly, but they also work together in an integrated way with essential minerals (such as magnesium and zinc) to impact metabolic factors regulating thyroid hormones.

Water-soluble vitamins B and C — B-complex vitamins and vitamin C are not stored in your body. This means that you need to replenish them every day. Important trace minerals (like magnesium, potassium, iron and copper.) You would need to eat two bananas to meet the potassium content in just one whole avocado.

Loads of fiber – Avocados contain more soluble fiber than most foods and help stabilize blood sugar levels, facilitate proper bowel regularity and maintain proper weight control.

Protein — Avocados are on the list of top protein foods. Having the highest protein and lowest sugar content of any fruit.

Antioxidant phytochemicals (such as beta-sitosterol, glutathione and lutein) to help protect against various diseases like macular degeneration and cataracts.

Avocados are great for your skin. Rich in fat-soluble vitamins and monounsaturated fats, avocado benefits also include glowing skin, bright eyes and shiny hair both when eaten or used topically.

They are easy to take on trips. Just cut in half and you have food already in its own bowl.

Karen Edwards is a board-Certified Dr. of Naturopathy, Master Herbalist, Vegan and Raw food Chef. She is owner of Holistic Alternatives in New Buffalo and La Porte for over 25 years.

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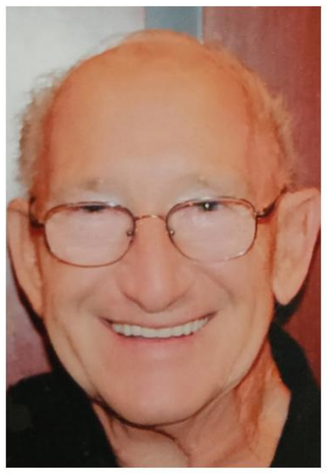

Martin "Marty" Walter LaBine, Jr.

1940-2025

Martin "Marty" Walter LaBine, Jr., 85, of Three Oaks, died peacefully, Monday June 23, 2025, in the comfort of his family's presence.

His life began April 6, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan, the second of three children born to Martin LaBine, Sr. and Lucille Johnson.

He married Mary Elizabeth Lee on February 13, 1960, in Conway, South Carolina.

Marty was a resident of Three Oaks for fifty-seven years. He worked at Buchanan Steel until they closed. Marty then worked at Tyler Refrigeration until he retired.

He was active in the community, running his own metal scraping business, where he met a lot of new friends. Marty also volunteered at the River Valley Senior Center as a driver. He especially liked driving for the handicapped. Marty and Mary enjoyed square dancing and traveling. He mostly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Marty will be greatly missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Mary LaBine of Three Oaks; four daughters, Mary McCormick of Sawyer, Laurie (Tim) Busch of Bloomfield, Brenda (Don) Mangold of Niles, Debbie Shelton, of Kalamazoo; eight grandchildren, Alice McCormick, Cory (Monica) Busch, Stacy (Emily) Busch, Bonnie (Jed) Flynn, Tami Schutze, Scott (Olivia) Schutze, Lila (Ray) Carney, Shannon (Jeffery) Lorren; seven great grandchildren, Damian Huffman, Wendy Busch, Caleb Flynn, Ian Flynn, Anna Flynn, Felix Schutze, Jasper Schutze; two sisters, Annette Langevin of Davidson, and Carol (Woodrow) Hall of Niles; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son-in-law, Jerry Shelton; one grandson, David McCormick; one great-grandson, Gabrien Lorren; and one brother-in-law, Chuck Langevin.

Family and friends gathered on Sunday, June 29, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, 106 Ash Street East, Three Oaks.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, June 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 28 Ash Street West, Three Oaks, with calling beginning one hour prior at 10:00 a.m. with a Rosary being recited by 10:30 a.m.

Marty will be laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Three Oaks.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Martin be made to Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 28 Ash Street West, Three Oaks, Michigan 49128, or River Valley Senior Center, 13321 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Michigan 49115.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online at www.wagnercares.com.

A Writer's Life...

DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION ANIMATION

BY JACK OLESKER

The meeting comes to order...

I'd taken my shot yesterday. It was a bluff. I was just days into being the Care Bears story editor and we were two weeks behind schedule. I'd sounded like I was coming from a position of strength, but if none of the writers showed up I'd be sunk.

Fortunately, no one knew it was a bluff and no one wanted to be off a series by not showing up. Worse for them, they believed if they didn't show up for my meeting they won't be writing for any DIC series in the future.

That I didn't have the authority to back-up my brash threat was beside the point. I'd always felt authority is taken; not given. Perception was reality as far as my writers were concerned. I comforted myself with the knowledge that my deception would benefit us all – the writers would get script assignments and I'd get the Care Bears' delivery schedule back on time. It was as good a rationalization as any.

I walked into the small, glassed in conference room 15 minutes early so I could grab the head seat. I'd charmed DIC's receptionist into directing the writers to the conference room upon their arrival. A few minutes later, I looked around the room, filled with writers. It was a good turnout.

As my writers sat, I saw Kevin O'Donnell stop outside to look in. A moment later Andy joined him. Andy looked at the writers, all of whom he knew. With their eyes locked on Andy, Andy looked at me, paused and raised his thumb. I raised my thumb back. Then he and Kevin walked away.

The writers looked to me, seeing this 'Olesker-guy' in a different light now.

I said, "Let's begin..."

One of the things my father taught me as a young man was there's a right way to be tough on someone. "Step on the toes of their shoes, but don't mess up the shine." Years later I'd learn he'd coopted the quote from Harry Truman, but it didn't matter.

I'd been tough and gruff when I told my writers they had to show up for this meeting. Now it was time to 'make nice'. I was cordial and welcoming as I went through whatwas required of them. But I was clear about it.

The writers were to create and deliver at least three Care Bears story springboards within 48 hours. So they understood this wasn't some frivolous request, I shared that we were two weeks behind schedule and the series could be pulled if we missed airdates.

I scanned the conference room. Two writers did everything but groan. Another was smiling. The others, except for the writing team, were expressionless. The team of Eleanor Burian-Mohr and Jack Hanrahan was scribbling furiously on legal pads. They'd been doing this since I began the meeting. Smart, I thought.

After the meeting ended, I bid each writer good-bye. When Jack Hanrahan approached, I knowingly asked, "So what do you think of this 'Olesker-guy' now?"

Without missing a beat, he answered, "I like him." Smart again.

I smiled. I liked him, too. Tomorrow I'd learn how amazing Jack's writing partner, Eleanor Burian Mohr, was. After they left, I walked around the studio in search of Howard Cohen. He was on staff, but he also wrote scripts. He didn't attend my meeting.

Not smart, I thought.

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JULY 3-9, 2025

AS INTERPRETED BY SANDY "STAR" BENDT

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

You will be able to see deeply into the heart of matters and know exactly how to motivate people to action. Turn this ability inwards and identify your own fears or limitations, and encourage yourself to push past these restrictions. Let anger or frustration push you deeper towards a place of healing.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

Interactions with others will be very mentally stimulating, prompting you to take a short trip to investigate. Innovative topics will draw you into group activities that will help to promote your career or public life. Don't be surprised if there are some emotionally charged outburst or declarations.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

You may come off as clumsy or physically awkward this week, but you will be keenly on target with the emotional and intellectual components of the situation. So, don't let insecurities or embarrassment keep you from approaching people you feel a strong connection with or that can truly help you.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

A strong, spiritual warrior type energy is coming your way this week. Use it to its fullest by engaging with others more or getting involved in some type of mental journeying. Whether you spend some quiet time in meditation or engage in some type of yoga, be open to more intimate experiences.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

This is a wonderful time to hone in on family relationships and accept things that you cannot control or change. You can accept the changes you need to make and you have a clear picture of the sacrifices that need to be made on your part, but you can't make those decisions for others.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

Strange statements or emotional outbursts from partners or siblings may cause you to reevaluate your behavior or participation level within the relationship. You are good at dissecting situations to get a clearer picture of the truth, so you will easily deduce the real problem or issue.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

This is a perfect time for healing, understanding, and realigning your actions to promote positive change. There is some very strong supportive energy coming from the stars to you, that will help you to balance home responsibilities and career obligations. A very innovative and stabilizing week!

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

Promote and pursue those creative ideas this week. Pitch new concepts and designs no matter how unusual or different they seem because people around you will be ready to try new things. Also, turn that creative eye towards your home and try some new color schemes or different furniture layouts.

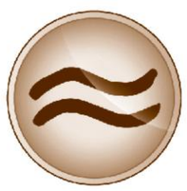
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

Forever the shaman, you are not afraid to strike out on your own to seek enlightenment. You are willing to sacrifice familial security for universal healing, but don't fear, your family and loved ones understand your need for adventure and will provide proper sustenance upon your return.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

You are heading into a very socially active period, where you will be much more vocal and willing to share your thoughts. Conversations may lean towards the more emotional type, but your ability to identify value systems and give good rational advice will keep things on a higher note.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



You will be blessed with long vision this week, giving you the ability to see the bigger picture. Having foresight will help you align your actions and discussions in ways that have a big impact later on. You may be going it solo now, but trust that the right people will be there, when you need them.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

There will be a strong intuitive sense about you this week, and you will be very aware of what other people are feeling and what talents they possess. This will help you collaborate better with others and produce some very original ideas. You are ready for the project, with an old friend at your side.

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27 Son of Abraham
31 Orinoco tributary
32 Have (Scot.)
33 Epoch
34 Born
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39 Swed. county
40 Island (Fr.)
41 1st incarnation of Vishnu
44 Haw. island
48 Anatomy (abbr.)
49 Edible seed
51 Principal
52 Quality (suf.)
53 Belonging to (suf.)
54 Work (Sp.)
55 Womb (pref.)
56 Regret
57 Blind cetacean

DOWN

1 Young horse
2 Mother of Castor
3 Initial (abbr.)
4 Worry
5 Austral. gum tree
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10 Circular (abbr.)
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25 "Blue Eagle"
26 Department of Transportation (abbr.)
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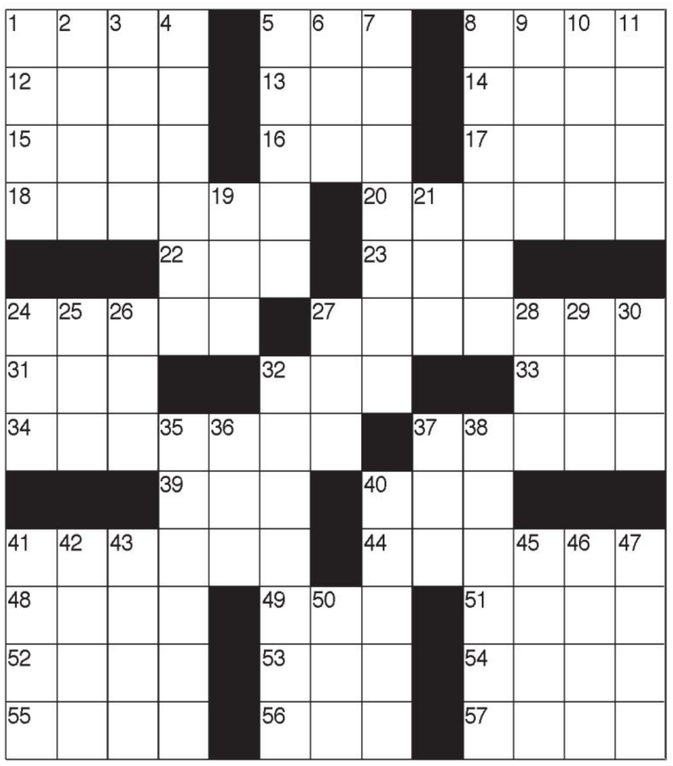

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the at its upcoming monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (ET) at the Grand Beach Village Hall, 48200 Perkins Blvd., Grand Beach, MI 49117, the Grand Beach Village Council will be considering adopting a series of changes to the current Village Ordinances ("Code") which would: i) reorganize the Code to make it easier to navigate and find specific content; ii) eliminate individual Code provisions which are obsolete, redundant or conflict with other sections of the Code; iii) correct a range of typographical, cross-referencing, syntax and other errors; and most importantly, iv) setting up electronic access to the Code for the general public via an electronic link embedded in the Village website.

Pursuant to the public notice requirements of MCL 78.24(a), any Village resident who wishes to review the proposed changes to the Village Code can do so by visiting Village Hall during regular business hours between July 7 and July 16, 2025.
At that time the Village Clerk will make available: i) hard copies of the current Village ordinances; ii) a hard copy of the Code to be adopted; iii) a draft 'Code Adoption Ordinance' for the consideration of the Village Council which specifically notes the current ordinances intended to be repealed or amended.
An electronic copy of the documents will also be available on the main page of the Village website at www.grandbeach.org.

Any questions can be directed to the Village Clerk at clerk@grandbeach.org, or by calling the Village Hall during business hours at 269-469-3141.

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VILLAGE CLERK

PET OF THE WEEK

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This is Spud, and she's riddled with anxiety. She is about three-years-old, spayed, and her vaccinations are up-to-date. Spud would could thrive in a quiet in a quiet home, and needs to be the queen as she prefers to be alone with her homeowners. Spud is tiny, and could be your best lap dog. She needs to get out of the shelter, and could use some help with a good master. All dogs love treats, but she wants patience and love. Spud has a silly personality, loves chasing tennis balls, and getting petted once calm. If you have love and the time, make Spud part of your family.

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An interior view of the recently remodeled Viola Cafe

Members of the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon on Viola Cafe with owners Scott King and Anthony Bellon

Viola Café boasts Southern-infused cuisine, hospitality

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Thanks to the revitalization and new ownership of Viola Café, diners can now get a taste of the South in Three Oaks, Michigan.

"I don't know if it's southern or not – it's also just good comfort food," Anthony Bellon, who co-owns Viola with Scott King, said.

Indeed, the menu boasts a variety of Southern and Cajun-infused, homestyle entrees: the Bayou Biscuit, which is crawfish etouffee and poached eggs served on an open biscuit; beignets, which are described as "three fried fluff balls of happiness;" red beans and rice, with Andouille sausage and fried green tomatoes.

"When I look around the restaurant and see all this food, it's a place full of memories – it's our grandparents, it's our parents, it's our aunts, it's our uncles and the recipes we share when we get together and we're just happy to share that with the community and be a part of it all," King said.

Both Bellon and King hail from the South: King grew up in Birmingham, Alabama - "so down that if you went any further, you'd end up in the Gulf" – and Bellon lived on the bayou in St. Charles, Louisianna.

They'd been living out in Galien for 10 years when they decided to enter the local cuisine scene.

"We love restaurants – we'd lived up here for a long time and we'd go in other Southern restaurants and felt they were missing," King said.

Bellon has a design background, while King's in management consulting.

"This is kind of a new foray for us," Bellon said and then added "but we're jumping in."

Bellon said it's not so much about the food as from where it originated. Executive chef Shelley Young, founder of The Chopping Block in Chicago, took their family recipes and "scaled them up." Every morning, the kitchen team comes in and makes everything from scratch.

"When I look around the restaurant and see all this food, it's a place full of memories – it's our grandparents, it's our parents, it's our aunts, it's our uncles and the recipes we share when we get together and we're just happy to share that with the community and be a part of it all," King said.

How guests are served their food is also important.

"When family comes to visit, this is how we entertain - that was kind of our whole concept was to bring community and bring good food," Bellon said.

During the off season, Bellon said they plan on doing more course dinners and private events.

Young might do some teaching events, such as talking about how to make biscuits and buttermilk.

"Come see us – we'll share stories of family and fun and, hopefully, good food in the process," King said.

Viola Café is located at 102 North Elm St. in Three Oaks and is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Monday, with indoor or outdoor seating and inside pick up.

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